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# CASTLE HASSLE™

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## **SOFTWARE LOADING INSTRUCTIONS**

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### **ROM CARTRIDGE**

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With your computer off, plug the cartridge into the cartridge slot in the back, making sure the label with the name of the product is facing upwards. Then turn the power switch on. Plug your joystick controller into Control Port 2.



## **WELCOME TO CASTLE HASSLE**

Explore this mysterious castle's 60 rooms and race against time to find and collect the 40 treasures hidden inside. You'll need quick thinking and a sharp, puzzle-solving mind in this unique game that blends all the excitement of arcade and adventure games.

You, as Whitecap the ghost, attempt to survive the many perils while trying to obtain the treasures. Of course, a mere ghost cannot overcome all of the evil powers striving to block its journey. Luckily, you are not a mere ghost but are equipped with the power of transmutation, allowing you to take on the form of other, sometimes more useful, objects. You also have 10 lives to lose before going to your final rest.

Locating all 60 rooms and getting all 40 treasures requires fast responses, physical coordination, intellectual resourcefulness . . . and just a little bit of luck. Do you have what it takes to conquer Castle Hassle?

## **HOW TO PLAY CASTLE HASSLE**

### **GAME BUTTONS**

Pressing F1 begins game play at level one. Once in play, F3 can be used to advance game play to any higher level, one level for each time F3 is pressed. Notice that your maximum score is based on how many treasures you collect. If you start at level two, for example, no treasures from level one can be won and your maximum score will be lower.

Press the F5 key to choose the degree of difficulty you desire. The game is set to begin at the medium, or ADULT, level. You can choose the easier CHILD level or the tantalizingly difficult TEENAGER level. At the greater difficulty levels, monsters move faster, the room countdown time is shorter and everything gets harder.

Press the "P" key to pause the game. While the game is in the pause mode, the Whitecap's head remains unchanged while his body turns into a gun. To resume play, simply press any key other than "P."

## JOYSTICK CONTROL

Whitecap's movement is controlled through the leftmost joystick position. Moving the joystick in any direction causes Whitecap to move in that direction. Pressing the joystick button transforms him into a gun, a good thing to be in many of the rooms! While keeping the button depressed, joystick movement is used to aim the gun. Releasing the button fires a single bullet and changes you back into a ghost. Bullets can be used for several purposes but are especially useful for killing enemies.

## HINTS ON GUN CONTROL

After positioning the gun, you can let the joystick return to the center position without affecting the gun's direction. It isn't necessary to hold the joystick in the correct direction when firing. The computer remembers the previous gun position, so several bullets can be fired in one direction by repeatedly pressing the joystick button.

## TRANSMUTATION

Besides a gun, you can transform Whitecap into eight other shapes, six of which are:

GHOST  
MAGNET

HAMMER  
SHOVEL

KEY  
TORCH

To change shapes, press the keyboard key corresponding to the first letter of the desired form. In at least one room,

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the CRSR and CRSR keys are used to provide two additional  
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shapes (but you'll have to find out which rooms by yourself). Any key not mentioned above (except "P"), when pressed, changes Whitecap back into a ghost. (Note: never hold down the SHIFT or CTRL key when changing shapes.)



## **GAME LAYOUT**

Castle Hassle is an immense structure, consisting of 10 levels. Each level contains six rooms, four of which have treasures. Play starts in a base room with four doors leading to four of the level's other five rooms. The fifth is up to you to locate. Going into the center of a door (as a ghost) lets you enter a room. Your screen will quickly change to show you the room you've just entered.

## **TREASURE CAPTURE**

When entering a room containing a treasure, four bell-type tones will ring. To obtain the treasure, you must (in the form of a ghost) touch it and leave the room without getting killed. Sounds easy? Wait until you've tried a few rooms! After a treasure has been captured, all doors leading to its room disappear.

## **ENEMIES**

Several rooms have enemies, monsters or other strange creatures who are out to stop Whitecap from getting the treasures. Being touched (or shot) by one of them costs Whitey one life and removes him from the room. If any enemy starts to get the best of you, remember that it will not follow when Whitey leaves its room.

## **GAME PLAY**

A game is over either after all treasures are captured or 10 lives are lost. After all treasures for a level are won, enter the base room to progress to the next level of Castle Hassle. After completing the last level (or losing all 10 lives), you are given a ranking from HOPELESS to AWESOME. To help you judge your performance, here is a listing of all the rankings from the bottom to the top:

- 0 Hopeless
- 1 Grisly
- 2 Clumsy
- 3 Trainee
- 4 Beginner
- 5 So So

- 6 Fair
- 7 Average
- 8 Apprentice
- 9 Explorer
- 10 Adventurer
- 11 Master
- 12 Spirit
- 13 Phantom
- 14 Ghost
- 15 Awesome

### INFORMATION LINE

A line at the top of your screen provides current game information. First is shown the number of lives remaining. Next are two score values, divided by a slash ( / ) mark. The left score represents the total number of treasures captured. The right score shows bonus points awarded at the completion of each level. Bonus points are based solely on time. The faster you capture all the prizes, the better the score. An excellent mark for any level is 20. Next is a timer which, as it counts down to zero, shows you how much time you've been in the current room. You lose one life for letting this expire. Whitecap will slowly start to fade away, indicating that there isn't much time left. The countdown rate is different for different rooms and is reset each time you enter a room.

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## **HELP!!!**

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We don't expect that everyone will be able to solve all of the puzzles and capture all of the treasures. If you need help, send a self-addressed, stamped business-size envelope to:

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